GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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SURVEY FOR OIL DISCOVERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) has undertaken country-wide survey to find out oil reserves;

(b): if so, the places surveyed by NGRI during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(c): the amount spent thereon;

(d): the places where the survey indicates occurrence of oil reserves; and

(e): the details of the further action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Throuh NRI, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons have carried out Geochemical & integrated Geophysical Surveys is some parts of the country-wide basis:-

(b) & (c): The places surveyed at and the expenditures are detailed below:-

Year	Places	Amount Spent (Rs. Lacs)
2003-04	Geochemical survey in Kutch onland, Chattisgarh & Cudappa Geophysical Survey in Deccan Syncline Basin & Magnetic gravity in Madhya Pradesh	85.90
2004-05	Geochemical survey in Kutch onland, Chattisgarh & Cudappa	10.0

These surveys are carried out to upgrade the available geological information of an area for carving out blocks to offer under future rounds of the New Exploration Licensing Policy(NELP).

(d) The occurrence of oil reserves can only be ascertained by drilling wells after completing seismic surveys followed by drilling of wells.

There are further plans to carry out geochemical & geophysical surveys by DGH through NGRI in the onland areas of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur & Arunachal Pradesh & in Kerala-Konkan deepwaters & the sourthern tip of India.